# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL
# LOK SABHA

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COAL RESERVE OF BCCL
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of coal reserves including coking and non-coking coal of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) at the time of nationalization and as on January 01, 2007, seam-wise and area- wise;

(b) whether any assessment has been made about the life of these reserves under BCCL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) The geological reserves in the coalfields under Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) at the time of nationalization were 19251 Million Tonnes(MT). The geological coal reserves upto a depth of 1200m as on January 01,2007 is 18228.83 MT. The area- wise break up is as follows:-

(A) Jharia Coalfield

Prime coking coal - 4691.61million tonnes
Medium coking coal - 5488.91 million tonnes
Non-coking coal - 6642.47 million tonnes
Total Jharia Coalfield - 16822.99 million tonnes

(B) Raniganj Coalfield (Chanch Victoria Area)

Prime coking coal - Nil
Medium coking coal - 321.77 million tonnes
Non-coking coal - 1084.07 million tonnes
Total Jharia Coalfield - 1405.84 million tonnes

(C) BCCL Total (I+II)

Prime coking coal - 4691.61million Tonnes
Medium coking coal - 5810.68 million Tonnes
Non-coking coal - 7726.54 million Tonnes
Total Jharia Coalfield - 18228.83 million Tonnes

(b) & (c). No detail assessment of the life of the reserves under BCCL has been made. However, considering that reserves lying under various constraints are removed, the life of the reserves will be 180 years @ 30 million Tonnes of production of coal per year.